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The bankers of America are betting a half million dollars that the entente allies will win the European conflict.

Why Lansing should waste his time trying to figure out which Mexican bandit the government should recognize, does not appear to folks on the border side. Might just as well draw the name out of Woodrow's hat.

The Mexican policy of the administration will probably be the chief point of attack by the opposition in the next election. It is a vulnerable point, which is throwing something of a scare into the administration supporters.

The strikes in the copper camps at Clifton and Morenci have paralyzed the business of eastern Arizona. From rosy dreams of wealth to complete financial stagnation is over the lot of the mining sections. Farming continues to be the main business of mankind, undisturbed by labor trouble or exhaustion of the element of production.

The movies have developed two new pests. The worst is the one that insist on explaining the pictures in a voice loud enough to be heard all over the house. Almost as annoying is the one that must get his neighbor's interpretation of the scenes so graphic that every four-year-old child in the house understands them.

Why the militia sometimes fails of its duty when called into service because of strikes, is shown by the high intelligence which sent forty-eight militiamen to quell 3,500 strikers in the Clifton and Morenci districts. But perhaps the handful of pen-pushers, counter jumpers and high school children are made of finer clay than the timid miners.

### AROMORY BONDS ARE SAFE

While it is conceded that the validity of the act of the legislature authorizing the issue of bonds of the Deming and Carlsbad armories, can be attacked because of the defect in the journal, officials at Santa Fe express themselves as being certain that the bonds will be issued through a decision of the supreme court. The errors of an ignorant clerk, they argue, is not sufficient to invalidate the acts of the lawmakers clearly expressed.

### A DEPARTURE IN COOPERATION

The proposal to build a warehouse for storing crops of the valley, is one of the most interesting outgrowths of the farmers' cooperative movement which has had its inception in the organizing of the Minibes Valley Farmers' Association more than two years ago. Collective marketing and a limited practice of collective buying have demonstrated their utility to such an extent that the activities of the farmers' organization will be extended from time to time, as conditions permit and prudence dictates.

### AREA OF EUROPEAN CONFLICT WIDENING

The entry of Bulgaria and Greece into the European conflict will create another zone of the military activity. It is hard to see why Germany should choose to introduce new elements into the contest as she has done by calling Bulgaria to her aid. The allies more than match any addition to Germany's strength by bringing in other nations unfriendly to the Teutons, and Germany must furnish money, troops, and munitions to her new allies. In this way the Teutonic forces are being scattered on many fighting fronts. The mobility, through exchange from one front to another, is being lost and the German lines are growing thin. German courage and efficiency is all that can make the weaker allies strong and these virtues, too, will soon be needed to defend the Fatherland at home.

### THE SUBMARINE'S FAILURE

Something has gone wrong with the German submarine campaign and the German military authorities are evidently on the point of giving up the blockade declared against the British Isles. United States naval authorities have had a suspicion that the concessions to this country are to be used as an excuse to discontinue a campaign that was daily growing more costly in the lives of submarine operators, and less valuable in the destruction of enemy shipping to compensate. Just what the British navy has figured out to draw the fangs of the submarine, is worrying American naval authorities.

A recent news dispatch tells of great steel nets stretched between floats, set like fish traps to catch submarines that, like the mole, must feel its way along the sea floor. When the floats bob, swarms of small power boats, built with high speed for the purpose, gather around and gather in the under sea craft, with practically no danger to the "fishers". These same boats, together with swift torpedo boats, cover the danger areas and have little difficulty in bagging a submarine now and then by watching for the periscope in quiet waters. Aeroplanes, too, often locate submarines a hundred feet under water in the shade and set the "mosquito" fleet to watch until the unsuspecting submarine comes to the surface to "breathe" and recharge its batteries. Other methods are kept secret, but it is certain that the submarine scare is over.

The submarine will now probably take its place in the ranks of those engines of war, which, though wonderfully destructive, are of known quantity and for which the human genius that called it into being has provided a destroyer in defense.

While the submarine's crew is small, it is composed of picked men of the navy. First the operator must be a thorough seaman—a man-size job; second, he must be an expert mechanician; and third, a man of more than ordinary intelligence. Few of a submarine crew survive the ordinary accidents at sea, or the capture or destruction of their craft. Practically all submarine operators are officers or petty officers. Such cannot be used as Germany uses her troops as mere "cannon fodder", for the struggle for naval supremacy is yet to come.

For more than a year the underwater craft have surprised about the sea lanes doing great damage, of course, but achieving no practical military advantage. The commerce of Great Britain has increased and its fleet of dreadnoughts are safe from the intruder. The dominant naval power of the world resides in Great Britain's war fleet that still lies secure in harbor, ready to make a dash against an enemy and to send its units to the aid of land forces where it will. To rule the sea is to rule the land. To crush Great Britain, Germany's war fleet must sooner or later accept the gauge of battle when the climax of the Great War will come. The great land struggles are but preliminaries of this titanic battle. Submarines will play but a minor part, perhaps no part, in this epic contest.

While the submarine as a weapon of offense is a failure, it has gained a leading place among the engines destined for defense. Herein lies its value to America, committed as it is to defensive operations. But America must base her claim to sea power on the dreadnought with its weight of armor, heavy guns, and mobility.

### ODD BITS OF NEWS

New York—With the \$500,000,000 joint Anglo-French bond issue over subscribed to an extent not computed, the underwriters' books were closed at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. No formality marked the closing.

New Orleans—Extensive relief work was begun today in the sections about New Orleans where Wednesday's hurricane caused the death of more than 300 persons and made thousands homeless. Tons of supplies were forwarded to the stricken districts as fast as they could be loaded on relief vessels.

Louis J. Hennessy, representing the local association of commerce, who returned Monday from an inspection of the levees said the damage to the system would exceed a million dollars. Mr. Hennessy also reported immense damage to orange and other fruit groves and crops. The flood waters are said to be receding in all the affected sections.

Santa Fe—Some form of rural credits and a form of scientific cooperative marketing are out in favor as a means of relief in the present critical situation of private and government irrigation projects, according to reports brought back by a New Mexico representative from the Irrigation Congress on the Pacific coast. That an economic crisis is being faced was the general belief of the delegates who took the position that the situation must be met frankly and vigorous remedies applied.

New York—That wireless telephone communication from the Atlantic seaboard to Hawaii, a distance of 3,600 miles, is now an established fact, was announced late last week at the offices of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Chicago—The inclusion of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, which recently went into the hands of a receiver, makes the mileage of railroads in the United States in the hands of receivers greater than ever before, according to an article to be published in the Railways Gazette.

In part the statement says:

"The addition of the 3,600 miles of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas system makes up of eighty-two railroads operating 41,000 miles of line and with a total capitalization of \$263,000,000 being operated by receivers. This is more than a sixth of the railway mileage in the United States and exceeds the total railway mileage of any other country in the world except European and Asiatic Russia combined."

Clifton, Ariz.—Striking miners from the three copper camps at Clifton, numbering several thousand, paraded the town Tuesday, bearing banners announcing an intention to fight rather than starve as a result of the about on September 11, when the mine owners refused to recognize their union or to adopt a new wage scale.

Anticipating trouble, the managers of the smelters interests of the Arizona Copper Company, one of the three operating concerns, closed the company store and ice plant. The five city schools were dismissed, but there was no trouble. After the parade, the stores and schools reopened.

Santa Fe—Following the question raised in the legal passage of the Chrisman and Young money bills, it has been discovered that only one set of the bonded and one bill, apparently passed by the last legislature, are in question. An exhaustive investigation by Assistant Attorney General H. S. Cheyney reveals that in the case of these bills the joint fails to show that they were read in full, as required by the constitution. The bills include the traveling auditors bill, state oil and investigation bill, the county salary bill, Clark public miners bill and many other important measures. To legalize these bills, as sold the supreme court, will be asked to rule upon the question, must hold that the presence of the enrolled and engrossed bills in the office of the secretary of state is sufficient evidence of their proper passage.

Washington—Super battle cruisers larger and more heavily armed than any war craft now afloat or building and which will cost \$18,000,000 each to construct and equip will be recommended to congress as a part of a navy building program next year.

This decision was reached today at a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels and Representative Padgett, chairman of the house navy affairs committee.

Washington—Secretary Lansing announced today that Germany had disengaged the sinking of the Arabic and was prepared to pay indemnity for the lives lost.

With the submarine issue with Germany virtually settled, the way now is clear for the pressing of the American complaint against Great Britain on account of interference with neutral commerce. Sending of a note in preparation has been withheld because the president wished to avoid complicating the controversies between this country and opposing belligerents.

London—The belief that Bulgaria has taken sides with the central powers and Turkey, and that the Anglo-French and Russian troops will assist the friends of the entente allies while it has immediately diverted the attention of the diplomats does not dampen the interest in the situation in the western and eastern theaters of war. The offensive of the entente allies in the west and the determination with which the Russians are opposing the Austrian and Germans.

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Brownsville, Tex.—The United States cavalry patrol and a half dozen Mexicans had a running fight near Las Fieras, about 50 miles on the Rio Grande. The Mexicans tried to ambush the Americans but failed. There were no known casualties.

Boston, Mass.—Graphic stories of the voyage of the American-built submarine Totilla which crossed the Atlantic to join the British naval forces at Gibraltar are beginning to come in. The underwater boats made the passage under their own power and without much discomfort for the crews, according to letters received from men in the expedition.

London, Eng.—Sergius Sanzovoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs declared to the Associated Press representative that if the Bulgarians "persist in their present traitorous course they must answer to Russia."

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